

*In the Specification*

1. At the bottom of page 4, in the second equation, please cancel the changes previously requested so that this equation appears as originally filed in the application. With respect to the previous request, please replace: (1) "v" with "n"; and (2) "π" with "p"; and (3) "ξ" with "x" as shown:

$$[[v]]_{\underline{n}} = (A^{1/2} V) / (2[[\pi]]_{\underline{p}} L^2) [[\xi]]_{\underline{x}}^2 .$$

3. At page 14, in the paragraph below Equation 13, please cancel the changes previously requested so that this equation appears as originally filed in the application. With respect to the previous request, please replace the text as follows:

From this equation, the frequencies of the normal modes are calculated from the expression  $[[v]]_{\underline{n}} = (A^{1/2} V) / (2[[\pi]]_{\underline{p}} L^2) [[\xi]]_{\underline{x}}^2$ . The curve  $\beta(\xi)$  is shown in Figure 4. There, the first three branches, corresponding to the lower three eigentfrequencies of the system, are drawn. For a given force-seperation slope,  $\beta$ , corresponding to a horizontal line in the graph, there are three corresponding intersections and thus three frequencies.